



Legacy Mentalities | Doug Wekenman | 1.31.21
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

What is your dream vacation? (imagine you have an unlimited amount of time and money and share the trip with as many details as you can come up with)

SHARE

Welcome to Week Four of Legacy! In this series, we are talking about what it looks like to live a life that is bigger than ourselves by answering the question: what are you going to leave when you leave? This week, Doug talked about how to have a *legacy mentality*. But before we dive in, take some time to catch up with your Group by answering the following questions.

What is the best thing that happened to you in the first month of 2021? What was the most challenging thing that happened to you?

What is one word you would use to describe how you are currently feeling about your relationship with God? Why did you choose that word?

What do you feel like God is teaching you right now?

GROW

Read Acts 5:17-42

What stuck out to you about this passage? Why?

This week Doug taught us how to have a Legacy Mentality, which he defines as "The constant quest to live a life that outlives you, by the power of God, for the Kingdom of God."

Peter and John are a fantastic example of this legacy mentality. In the passage you just read, you may have noticed that everyone else is worried about building their own Kingdom, but Peter and John are too busy building God's Kingdom. Because of that, they lived lives that far exceeded their own! We are still talking about them today!

As Doug reminded us, there are three key ingredients to the Legacy Mentality. If you want to leave a legacy:

You gotta work it!

You gotta risk it!

You just gotta do it!

Work It: Legacy mentality is an obsession with the fundamentals of faith. If you want to leave a legacy, you have to be willing to put in the work.

How do you want to be remembered? What is the legacy you want to leave on this planet?

Risk It: The history of Christianity is followers of Jesus risking, leaping into the unknown, and stepping into spaces where they didn't stand a chance unless God came through. The Apostles faced jail time, and death threats left and right. And you know what they did? They prayed for more boldness to keep risking!

What is one risk you feel like God is asking you to take? How can your Group rally around you and help you take that risk this week?

Do It: At the end of the day, you just need to start. God has placed dreams and aspirations on your heart, but you need to be willing to take the first step. **What is one practical step you can take this week to get to work building a legacy?**

Which of those three steps is the most difficult for you? Why do you think that is?

MOVE

Read John 15:1-4

Which verse stuck out to you in that passage? Why?

What do you know about this passage? When is Jesus saying these things to his disciples?

This week we were reminded that one key to the legacy mentality is a willingness to put in the hard work! Transformation doesn't happen overnight; we have to be willing to stay after it. As Doug reminded us this week, "Faith is not a painting you admire. Faith is something you practice. As Christians, we don't live for the quick fix sermons or books. We're not hoping to change overnight; we're committed to growing over time."

If you want your legacy to outlive you—you have to stay the course. The legacy you leave is intimately intertwined with your relationship with God. Living a life that outlives you, requires the power of God working through you!

In the passage you just read, Jesus gives this invitation to his disciples. He tells them, *"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me"* (John 15:4).

Do you actually believe that God has a plan for you to grow? It's true. God wants your life to thrive! He wants you to walk in purpose. He wants you to make a difference. He wants to give you the desires of your heart!

He wants your story to get caught up in His story. These are the Kingdom concepts your soul was made for. If you sense there's more to this life, that's your sixth sense called faith telling you there is! It's calling you to have a **Legacy Mentality!**

And the key to walking in it is not found in the next bright, shiny and new thing! It's found in MORE OF THE SAME thing—remaining in God. Going through the motions gets a bad rap. But if you think about it, going through the motions is only bad if the motions are bad! If you stayed in a loop of good motions, you'd see every resolution you have come to pass.

This week let's take some steps toward developing a Legacy Mentality!

What is one healthy habit you want to implement into your life this year to develop a Legacy Mentality? How are you going to accomplish that goal?

What is one unhealthy habit you need to get out of your life this year to continue creating a Legacy Mentality? How are you going to accomplish that goal?

P R A Y

As a group, spend some time praying with and for each other. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking up into men's and women's groups to share more freely.

T O G O

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

- Hebrews 11:1